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Admiral Stansfield Turner  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

In the autumn of 1977, the Joint Economic Committee began a study on global economic change to the year 2000. The Chief of the Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division, CRS, Dr. William Whitson, agreed to coordinate one major aspect of that project; namely, the possible origin and consequence of major discontinuities in projected political, social and economic trends.

In order to explore that problem, Dr. Whitson is assembling a small group of specialists in various fields to meet briefly once a month for discussions of the definition of "discontinuities" and their future prospects. Dr. Whitson has invited [redacted] of your staff to lend his unusual knowledge of sociology and psychology to these discussions.

I'm confident that Congressman Bolling, Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, would join me and Dr. Whitson in thanks for any support that you and [redacted] might lend to this difficult project.

Yours sincerely,

*Gilbert Gude*  
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Director

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